



September 8, 2025

Dear Educators,

The start of the 2026 school year is here! Below are a few updates on the spring statewide ACT and PreACT Secure assessments. Please forward this email to all applicable staff.

## General Administration Updates

### ACT and PreACT Secure Enhancements

ACT has recently implemented new enhancements to the ACT and PreACT Secure assessments. The enhancements were designed to provide a more supportive and streamlined testing experience that is more accessible and actionable for students. The first statewide implementation of the new enhancements will be administered in spring 2026. For more information, review the FAQ guides below and register for the October 22 ACT Office Hours.

- [Enhanced ACT FAQ](#)
- [Enhanced PreACT Secure FAQ](#)
- [Registration Link for October 22 Office Hours](#)

### DAC and DTC Update Forms

Districts may now begin submitting their 2025-26 annual [District Assessment Coordinator \(DAC\) and Technology Coordinator \(DTC\) contact update forms](#). **Forms are required for both new and returning DACs and DTCs, even if the information has not changed.** Accurate contact information ensures DACs receive assessment and accountability updates and allows DPI to update vendor portals with annual permissions. DAC and DTC Update forms must be signed by the District Administrator/Superintendent.

### Assessment Administrative Platforms

The statewide 2026 ACT and PreACT Secure assessments will be administered through [PearsonAccessnext](#). (PAnext). The platform is expected to open for the 2026 ACT assessment in November and late January for PreACT Secure. All DACs will receive access once the platform opens. More information, training and resources will be available later this fall.

## Success.ACT

[Success.ACT](#) (Success) is ACT's data platform that houses all district and school ACT and PreACT Secure assessment data as well as the Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) portal. As the Trusted Agent, **DACs should be actively managing users in Success to ensure data remains secure.** This includes deactivating old employees, adding new employees and managing roles for active employees.

## The ACT (grade 11)

### 2026 Testing Dates

The statewide ACT assessment will begin on March 10. All 2026 testing dates can be found on the [DPI ACT calendar webpage](#). Districts will still have a choice to administer on paper, online or both paper and online. **As in previous years, all five subjects will be assessed: English, math, reading, science and writing.**

### TAA Open and 2026 Accessibility Supports Guide

The 2026 ACT Accessibility Supports Guide and a summary document of accommodation changes has now been posted to the [Wisconsin ACT State website](#). Testing staff should review these documents thoroughly, as changes are made annually. Schools can begin to enter 2026 accommodation and support requests into the ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) starting today, **September 8**. New users to [Success.ACT](#) (ACT's reporting and TAA portal) should review the [Online Reporting and TAA](#) guide for instructions on how to request access. Additional resources and training opportunities will be available in fall 2025.

## PreACT Secure (grades 9 &10)

### 2026 Testing Dates

The statewide PreACT Secure assessment window will be held March 16-April 24, 2026. This assessment is administered online only, except for students who require testing in a specialized paper format such as braille with tactile graphics, human reader or large print. **As in previous years, all four subjects will be assessed: English, math, reading, and science.**

## 2026 Accessibility Supports Guide

The 2026 PreACT Secure Accessibility Supports Guide has now been posted to the [Wisconsin PreACT Secure State website](#). Testing staff should review this document thoroughly each year, as updates are made annually. Schools will begin entering accommodations into PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> in February 2026. Additional resources and training opportunities will be available this fall.

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Thank you for your contributions to a successful testing experience for all students!